

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING – BUDGET WORKSHOP OF: MARCH 14, 2007

SUBJECT:

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA MUST BE LIMITED TO MATTERS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL. NO SUBJECT MAY BE ACTED UPON BY THE CITY COUNCIL UNLESS THAT SUBJECT IS ON THE AGENDA AND IS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION. IF YOU WISH TO BE HEARD, COME TO THE PODIUM AND GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD. THE AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION ON ANY SINGLE SUBJECT, AS WELL AS THE AMOUNT OF TIME ANY SINGLE SPEAKER IS ALLOWED, MAY BE LIMITED

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at Meeting – Written comments submitted by Tom McGowan

Minutes:

CITY ATTORNEY BRAD JERBIC updated the Council and the public on the City's pending lawsuit with the Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) regarding the right-hand turn issue. Mediation took place on March 6th and 7th, with the City requesting the FAA to "stay" the new right hand turn. The FAA refused and plans to implement as scheduled, which will be on March 20th. A 9th Circuit Court Appeal was filed, as the FAA did not comply with the rules of examining air quality, but the appeal was not granted. The FAA decided for the first 90 days to implement the right hand turn, take off slower and spread further, so as not to infringe on Nellis air space and to not generate a lot of noise. If complaints are not received within 90 days, the FAA can implement this and crank the engines up louder and nothing can be done thereafter. Although the FAA did not admit this on the record, CITY ATTORNEY JERBIC explained he received a letter and felt it was vital to relate to the public. COUNCILMAN WOLFSON felt the information needed to be given more publicly than just during the Citizens Participation portion of a meeting. CITY ATTORNEY JERBIC noted that staff is filing the papers for the "stay", and there should be a panel of three judges. MAYOR GOODMAN desired to know the names of the three judges making the decision.

AL GALLEGOS thanked Council for having the meeting locally. He was displeased to see City staff leave during public comment, as it is very rude. It was his opinion that the City of Las Vegas is losing money letting the County use the name "Las Vegas" without assessing a fee. He also expressed concern that employees at the Regional Justice Center are not doing their jobs and were only hired because of having friends within the company. He, too, believed that the City should have a "rainy day" fund. He mentioned that because of the upcoming racing event, tires are being stacked on Bonanza Road, which can cause fires and possible deaths. In addition, the homeless are stealing these tires and selling them.

TOM MCGOWAN submitted his written comments regarding the need for mass transit to serve residents coming to the Arts District. He showed a map of an alternative route between the hours of 9 to 11 am on each first Friday.

CARL MEDONIC stated that citizens are sometimes forgotten and ignored by Council. Many

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homeless people are trying to find a job and affordable housing. The City is growing fast and the highways cannot handle traffic anymore; the need is for a mass rapid transit system which includes an underground section. He referenced another city that fines individuals for loitering and believed the City should incorporate this to assist with the budget. He confirmed for MAYOR GOODMAN that he was homeless, and the Mayor directed him to speak with DR. MORRIS for assistance.

